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United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament
in Asia and the Pacific**

**Letter dated 31 March 2006 from the Permanent Representative of
Nepal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I am writing with reference to my letter dated 21 November 2005 addressed to the then Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Nobuyasu Abe, regarding the relocation of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific to Kathmandu, requesting the Secretariat to send a comprehensive draft of the host country agreement.

In that letter, I mentioned that His Majesty's Government of Nepal has been demonstrating flexibility and has shown its eagerness to sign the host country agreement by accommodating the concerns of the Secretariat on the issue of privileges and immunities and the additional costs, including security costs.

I regret to inform you that the Department for Disarmament Affairs has not provided this Mission with a comprehensive draft of the host country agreement as yet. Therefore, I would like to request your kind indulgence in the matter so that the host country agreement for the relocation of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific to Kathmandu could be signed at the earliest, as mandated by the General Assembly in various resolutions, the latest being resolution 60/85 of 8 December 2005.

I reiterate Nepal's desire to relocate the Centre to Kathmandu and make it operational within six months of the signing of the host country agreement.

I would be grateful if you could kindly circulate the present letter as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 98 (d).

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